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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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YAMAMOTO

Art Unit: 2615

Serial No.: 09/537,669

Examiner: Y. Aggarwal

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Introductory Comments

Director of the U.S. PTO
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March 26, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 5, 2003, the period for response being extended from March 5, 2004 until April 5, 2004 by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.